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In re patent application of:  MARIA G. MARTINI, ET AL.		<b>}</b>
Filed:	MARCH 12, 2002	) Group Art Unit: 2819
For: CODING A DATA STREAM		)

## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 5, 2003

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to a Non-Final Office Action dated November 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

The claims listed in the 01/06/2004 "amondment" appears to be the same as the claims found in the 08/22/2003 inventment, prior to the find rejection,

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